



Carlsbad Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

Crime/Incident:	Armed Robbery	Case:	11-01001
Date:	02-16-11	Time:	2348
Location:	2564 State Street		
Suspect 1:	Thomas Ruth	Age:	22
Suspect 2:		Age:	
Victim 1:	Paradise Pizza	Age:	
Victim 2:		Age:	

Summary:

On 2-16-11 at approximately 2348 hours, Carlsbad Police Officers were dispatched to the Paradise Pizza Restaurant at 2564 State Street regarding an armed robbery. Officers were notified that the store employees had removed a gun from the robber and were detaining the suspect.

On arrival, officers found 22 year old La Costa resident **Thomas Ruth** being detained by store employees. **Ruth** was arrested by the officer who determined that **Ruth** had entered the store with a BB gun and a ski mask. He approached the employees and sprayed them with pepper spray. When **Ruth** demanded cash, the employees resisted by removing the gun from him and physically subduing him.

Officers transported **Ruth** to Tri-City Medical center for treatment of a head injury that he sustained during the scuffle. **Ruth** was booked into the Vista Detention Facility for 211 P.C., Robbery, 244 P.C., Assault with Caustic Chemical and 459 P.C., Burglary.

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